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30TH JUNE, 1966

FIELD COUNT STATEMENT NO. 12. - POPULATION : POLICE DISTRICTS, NORTHERN TERRITORY

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This statement contains preliminary results of the Census of 30th June, 1966. The figures have been compiled by field personnel during the taking of the Census and are subject to amendment. The statement excludes particulars of full-blood Aborigines.

Similar information for the six States and for the Australian Capital Territory has been published previously.

A detailed description of the procedures used in the delimitation of metropolitan and other urban centres, statistical divisions and statistical districts is contained in Field Count Statement No. 4. A brief comment on the application of the procedures in the Northern Territory is contained herein.

EXPLANATORY NOTES ON THE DELIMITATION OF URBAN BOUNDARIES FOR STATISTICAL PURPOSES

For the purpose of presenting population and dwelling statistics obtained at the Census of 30th June, 1966, new concepts have been adopted for the delimitation of metropolitan and other urban centres. These are described in detail in Field Count Statement No. 4 - Population : Principal Urban Centres of Australia. Because of practical difficulties (notably lack of time to carry out an extensive examination of each area in order to re-design suitable collector's districts and the absence of suitable topographic boundaries around small towns) the new criteria have at present been uniformly applied only to urban centres within the State capital city statistical divisions and the statistical districts, to other urban centres with a population of 30,000 or more and to a few smaller centres (Katoomba-Wentworth Falls, Lawson-Hazelbrook and urban centres in the Shires of Wyong and Gosford in New South Wales; Moe-Yallourn in Victoria; Cairns in Queensland; Kalgoorlie in Western Australia and Darwin in the Northern Territory). It is proposed to extend the application of the new criteria to smaller centres in future Censuses.

2. Briefly the new concepts, which as explained above, have in general only been applied to the larger urban centres, are as follows:

(i) Population clusters of 1,000 or more persons having a minimum density of 500 persons per square mile shall be designated "Urban". This density shall be determined for each census collector's district (the smallest geographical area available). Additionally, some areas of lower population and/or density shall be classified as "Urban" on other grounds (e.g. holiday areas, industrial areas).

(ii) Around each principal urban centre with a population of 75,000 or more two boundaries shall be drawn. The outer boundary shall circumscribe the area which is expected to be in close economic and social contact with the principal urban centre for the next two or three decades. These areas shall be designated STATISTICAL DIVISIONS (for State capital cities) or STATISTICAL DISTRICTS (for Canberra, Newcastle, Wollongong and Geelong).

The inner boundary shall delimit the principal urban centre itself. It shall be a moving boundary, which from Census to Census, as urbanisation proceeds, will move outwards to encompass peripheral development. For capital cities, the principal urban centre encompassed by the inner boundary shall be designated the "METROPOLITAN AREA".

(iii) Urban centres of less than 75,000 population shall be described by name as "URBAN _____".

3. For urban centres not yet delimited by the new criteria, the following procedure was used:

Urban centres have been intensively examined on the most recent aerial photographs available and the boundaries set as closely as possible to the periphery of the built-up area without regard to local government boundaries. The greater availability of recent aerial photographs in 1966 than in 1961 has enabled more meaningful boundaries to be delineated for many small urban centres.

4. Comparable information for the 1961 Census has been prepared, using the new concepts, although because 1961 collector's districts were not especially designed for this purpose, some estimations have had to be made.

5. Where, through growth or decline, an urban centre at one Census was non-urban at the other, figures for both Censuses have been shown where available for comparison, the non-urban figure being in brackets.

Application of the Criteria in the Northern Territory

6. Application of the new criteria in the Northern Territory has been limited, for the 1966 Census, to Urban Darwin. The map in Appendix B of this statement shows the relationship of Urban Darwin as delimited under the new criteria, to the administrative areas of the City of Darwin and the proposed area of Greater Darwin. Separate data are shown in this statement for the Darwin Police District, for the

City of Darwin and for Urban Darwin. The distribution of the population of Urban Darwin within the Darwin Police District and the City of Darwin is shown.

7. Other urban centres have been intensively examined as outlined in paragraph 2 above and boundaries have been drawn around urban centres with a population of 1,000 persons or more. With regard to Tennant Creek the 1966 population, including full-blood Aborigines, is over 1,000 and therefore has been classified as "urban".

POPULATION : POLICE DISTRICTS AND URBAN CENTRES, NORTHERN TERRITORY, 1961 AND 1966

NOTE. - For Metropolitan and other urban centres, which are delimited by moving boundaries (see Explanatory Notes), boundaries for 1961 have been redrawn according to the new criteria. The urban populations (partly estimated) within these boundaries are shown in this table for comparison with 1966 population. The intercensal increase or decrease between 1961 and 1966 may therefore reflect (i) population changes within the original 1961 boundaries, (ii) urban growth beyond the original boundaries, and (iii) the merging of other urban areas, one with another, or with the Metropolitan Area.

Police Districts	Census, 30th June, 1961	Census, 30th June, 1966			Intercensal Increase or Decrease	
		Males	Females	Persons	Numerical	Percentage %
Darwin -						
City of Darwin -						
Urban Darwin (part)	11,840	9,812	8,080	17,892	6,052	51.11
Rural (part)	18	14	4	18	..	..
Total City of Darwin	11,858	9,826	8,084	17,910	6,052	51.04
Urban Darwin (part)	2,568	1,379	990	2,369	-199	-7.75
Total Urban Darwin	14,408	11,191	9,070	20,261	5,853	40.62
Rural (part)	1,000	611	467	1,078	78	7.80
Total District	15,426	11,816	9,541	21,357	5,931	38.45
Adelaide River - Rural	223	203	99	302	79	35.43
Alice Springs -						
Urban Alice Springs	4,648	2,978	3,023	6,001	1,353	29.11
Rural	476	334	217	551	75	15.76
Total District	5,124	3,312	3,240	6,552	1,428	27.87
Anthony Lagoon - Rural	159	110	44	154	-5	-3.14
Arnhem Land - Rural	95	188	60	248	153	161.05
Batchelor - Rural	614	367	181	548	-66	-10.75
Daly River - Rural	67	186	53	239	172	256.72
Daly Waters - Rural	149	213	67	280	131	87.92
Elliott - Rural	246	171	69	240	-6	-2.44
Finke - Rural	179	135	59	194	15	8.38
Hart's Range - Rural	186	48	42	90	-96	-51.61
Hatches Creek - Rural	103	40	29	69	-34	-33.01
Katherine -						
Urban Katherine	(a)(606)	733	535	1,268	1,268	..
Rural	826	528	276	804	-22	-2.66
Total District	826	1,261	811	2,072	1,246	150.85
Kulgera - Rural	235	97	74	171	-64	-27.23
Lake Nash - Rural	161	72	44	116	-45	-27.95
Larrimah - Rural	53	49	28	77	24	45.28
Maranboy - Rural	88	77	34	111	23	26.14
Mataranka - Rural	73	71	42	113	40	54.79
Pine Creek - Rural	516	430	164	594	78	15.12
Ranken River - Rural	112	128	43	171	59	52.68
Roper River - Rural	136	269	90	359	223	163.97
Tennant Creek -						
Urban Tennant Creek	(a)(837)	554	437	(b)991	991	..
Rural	1,368	500	155	655	-713	-52.12
Total District	1,368	1,054	592	1,646	278	20.32
Timber Creek - Rural	257	393	134	527	270	105.06
Ti Tree - Rural	149	53	35	88	-61	-40.94
Wave Hill - Rural	216	225	65	290	74	34.26
Wollogorang - Rural	70	73	29	102	32	45.71
Migratory (c)	264	278	178	456	192	72.73
TOTAL NORTHERN TERRITORY	27,095	21,319	15,847	37,166	10,071	37.17

For footnotes see end of Table.

POPULATION : POLICE DISTRICTS AND URBAN CENTRES, NORTHERN TERRITORY, 1961 AND 1966 - Cont'd.

NOTE. - For Metropolitan and other urban centres, which are delimited by moving boundaries (see Explanatory Notes), boundaries for 1961 have been redrawn according to the new criteria. The urban populations (partly estimated) within these boundaries are shown in this table for comparison with 1966 population. The intercensal increase or decrease between 1961 and 1966 may therefore reflect (i) population changes within the original 1961 boundaries, (ii) urban growth beyond the original boundaries, and (iii) the merging of other urban areas, one with another, or with the Metropolitan Area.

Police Districts	Census, 30th June, 1961	Census, 30th June, 1966			Intercensal Increase or Decrease	
		Males	Females	Persons	Numerical	Percentage %
TOTAL (URBAN - RURAL)						
Urban	19,056	15,456	13,065	28,521	9,465	49.67
Rural	7,775	5,585	2,604	8,189	414	5.32
Migratory (c)	264	278	178	456	192	72.73
TOTAL NORTHERN TERRITORY	27,095	21,319	15,847	37,166	10,071	37.17

(a) Non-urban in 1961. (b) The 1966 population of Tennant Creek including full-blood Aborigines is over 1,000 and it has therefore been designated as an "urban centre". (c) Refers to persons not elsewhere included who, at midnight between 30th June, 1966 and 1st July, 1966 were on ships in Northern Territory waters, or were travelling on long-distance trains, motor coaches or aircraft.

NOTE. - Minus sign (-) denotes decrease in population.

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NOTE. - Inquiries concerning these statistics may be made in Canberra by telephoning 41971 Extension 25, or, in Darwin, by telephoning the office of the Bureau of Census and Statistics.

APPENDIX A

Field Count Statements Issued:

No. 1 Population : Australian Capital Territory.

No. 2 Population : Nauru, Norfolk Island, Christmas Island and Cocos (Keeling) Islands.

No. 3 Population : States and Territories of Australia.

No. 4 Population : Principal Urban Centres of Australia.

No. 5 Population : Administrative Divisions, Australian Capital Territory.

No. 6 Population : Local Government Areas and Urban Centres, New South Wales.

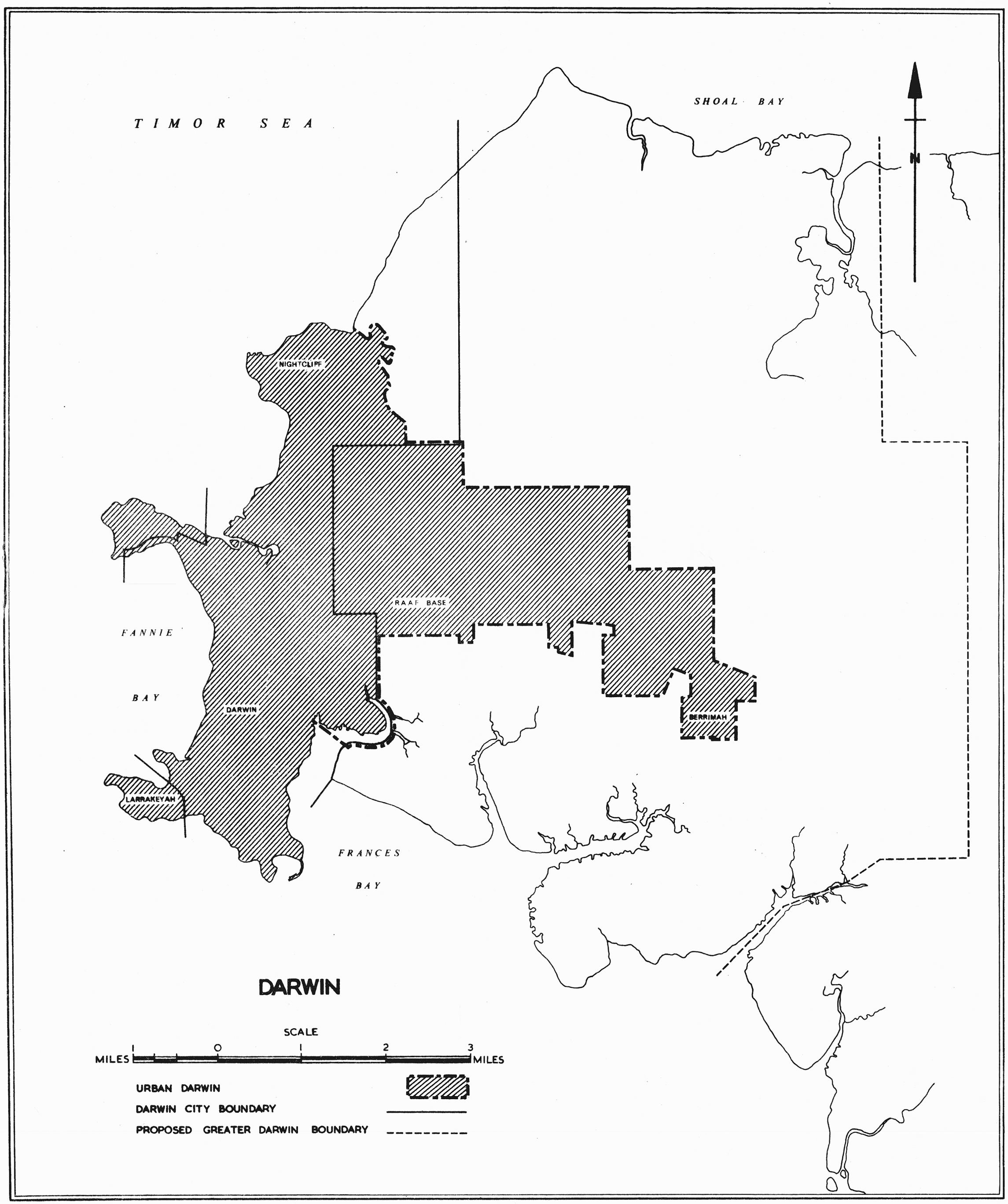
No. 7 Population : Local Government Areas and Urban Centres, Victoria.

No. 8 Population : Local Government Areas and Urban Centres, Queensland.

No. 9 Population : Local Government Areas and Urban Centres, South Australia.

No.10 Population : Local Government Areas and Urban Centres, Western Australia.

No. 11 Population : Local Government Areas and Urban Centres, Tasmania.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DARWIN CITY BOUNDARY
PROPOSED GREATER DARWIN BOUNDARY